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Harlequin Celebrates Five Years of Holiday Magic

Olympia, WA – October 27, 2025 – Harlequin Productions presents the fifth anniversary production of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, adapted for the stage and originally directed by Aaron Lamb, at the State Theater, November 28 – December 24, 2025. Directed by Gerald B. Browning.

For five unforgettable seasons, Harlequin's A Christmas Carol has captured the hearts of audiences across the South Sound. Now, in our fifth anniversary production, we invite you to rediscover Dickens' timeless tale of hope, redemption, and the true spirit of the season. Whether it's your first visit or a return to a beloved tradition, this year promises to be the most memorable yet. Traditions evolve, and who knows what the future holds? Don't miss this milestone year.

Each year, Harlequin's *Christmas Carol* undergoes changes. This year introduces more than usual, featuring a reworked script, added characters, updated design elements, and fresh special effects. In addition, many of the actors will be new to patrons: five in the cast of twelve are celebrating their Harlequin debuts. It's also the first time a new director takes the helm. With Gerald B. Browning leading this year's production, audiences can expect a fresh vision rooted in the enduring spirit of Dickens' beloved tale.

Browning, who has worked on every Harlequin *Christmas Carol* since its debut and serves as Harlequin's Director of Production, brings both deep familiarity and a bold new energy to the piece. In his Director's Notes, he writes: "To now direct this beloved tale is both an honor and a joy, like returning home to a familiar hearth. This year's production celebrates tradition, especially the beautiful foundation built by Aaron Lamb, who adapted and directed the last four versions that Olympia audiences have come to love. Aaron's storytelling captured the heart of Dickens' vision, and his adaptation has been the guiding light for me this year. I've sought to honour the tradition he established, while also offering my own spin on the iconic story. You'll see refreshed scenery, new projections and costumes, a revamped script, added characters, and enhanced lighting, sound, and special effects. I hope you'll be delighted by the differences but still feel the comfort of the familiar."

*An Early Bird Discount of 30% is available for General admission tickets through November 1. Use code Carol30 at checkout.**

**All discounts (including Senior, Military, and Student discounts) are taken off the General ticket price, and discounts do not stack. Discounts cannot be applied retroactively.*

Click here for publicity photos for the production: <https://harlequinproductions.org/a-christmas-carol-2025-publicity-photos/>

Click here for a link to the A Christmas Carol show page: <https://harlequinproductions.org/show/a-christmas-carol-6/>

Production Information

WHAT: Harlequin Productions presents the fifth anniversary production of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, adapted for the stage and originally directed by Aaron Lamb. Directed by Gerald B. Browning.

WHEN: November 28 – December 24, 2025

WHERE: State Theater, 202 4th Ave East, Olympia, WA 98501

TICKETS: Available online at harlequinproductions.org, by phone at 360-786-0151, or in person 12–5:30 pm, Tuesday–Saturday at the State Theater Box Office.

General admission tickets are \$57

Senior 60+/Military \$52

Student/Youths Under 25 \$38

Rush Tickets (half-hour prior to showtime) \$28.50; Teens/Under 20 \$5

There is a \$3 processing fee and a \$2 facilities fee per ticket

SPECIAL DATES FOR THE AUDIENCE:

Opening Night: Friday, November 28 at 7:30 pm

Pay-What-You-Can: Three performances TBA prior to Opening

Closing: Wednesday, December 24 at 2:00 pm

CATEGORY: Holiday

AGE RECOMMENDATION: All ages with guidance

CAST:

Ebenezer Scrooge.....	Terry Edward Moore*
Player 1 (Christmas Present/Fezziwig/Others).....	Henry Talbot Dorset
Player 2 (Christmas Past/Mrs Cratchit/Others).....	Sara Trowbridge
Player 3 (Bob Cratchit/Others).....	Joshua Erme
Player 4 (Fred/Others).....	Marcus Wolf
Player 5 (Martha Cratchit/Others).....	Izumi Huff Ozawa
Player 6 (Belle/Fan/Others).....	Juliette Jones
Player 7 (Jacob Marley/Young Scrooge/Others).....	Xander Layden
Child 1 (Tiny Tim/Others).....	Olive Beardsley
Child 2 (Child Scrooge/Peter Cratchit/Others).....	Evan Grinnell-Holderman
Child 3 (Child Fan/Robin Cratchit/Others).....	Alison Dean
Child 4 (Belinda Cratchit/Turkey Boy/Others).....	Mahayla Joseph

*Indicates membership in the Actor's Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States

Harlequin Productions is a professional not-for-profit theater company in Olympia, WA. We seek to

invigorate, educate, and empower our community and all people to feel more, think more, play more, and judge less through the mirror of real live theatre.

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